

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tomoyuki. Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior art in view of Tomoyuki. Claims 2-7, 12, and 13 are rejected under § 103(a) over Admitted Prior art in view of Tomoyuki and in further view of van der Wagt.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action states that Claims 8-10 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner, and has rewritten Claim 8 in independent form. Claim 1, as amended, now includes all of the limitations of Claim 8 and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 7, and 8 have been cancelled and Claims 3-5 and 9 have been amended to keep their dependencies consistent. As a result, Claim 1 is now allowable as are the claims that depend therefrom.

In addition, Applicant has also rewritten Claim 14 in independent form. Claim 11, as amended, now includes all of the limitations of Claim 14 and any intervening claims. As a result, Claim 11 is now allowable as are the claims that depend therefrom. Claim 12 and 14 have been cancelled and Claim 13 has been amended to keep its dependency consistent.

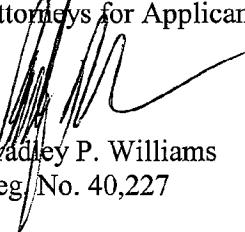
CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed, and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicant hereby requests a telephone conference with the Examiner and further requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Applicant believes no fee is due, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

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